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Dear Sir,

Please grant petition 98P-0151/CPI to prohibit
the slaughter of downed animals

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Animals too sick or injured even to stand
should not be allowed to enter the human
food chain.

Downed animals are typically pushed with
tractors or dragged with chains - inhumane
& cruel processes which cause injuries
ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken
bones and torn ligaments.

Downed animals comprise a very small percentage
of animals slaughtered and prohibiting their
marketing will cause no undue economic
hardship.

Industry experts have estimated that 90%
percent of downed animals can be prevented
with better care and handling.

Removing the market for downed animals
will provide an incentive to industry to prevent
downed animals in the first place.

Docket number 98P-0151/CPI.

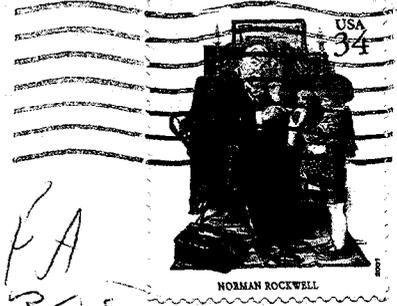
Thank you.

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